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SUBJECT: GOP PROTESTS TREATMENT OF MIGUEL ANGEL NAPOUT BY
U.S. CUSTOMS

1. ON APRIL 10 ARA/ECA RECEIVED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM
AMBASSADOR LOPEZ ESCOBAR SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF THE
REASONS FOR AND PROTESTING THE TREATMENT ACCORDED MR.
MIGUEL ANGEL NAPOUT UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT DULLES INTER-
NATIONAL AIRPORT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31.

2. THE GIST OF THE NOTE IS THAT MR. NAPOUT WAS TRAVEL-
ING ON AN OFFICIAL PASSPORT (WITH B-2 VISA NO. 003781)
AND UPON ARRIVAL WAS SUBJECTED TO A COMPLETE AND
THOROUGH CUSTOMS SEARCH, PLUS AN INTERROGATION, QUOTE
WITHOUT ANY NOTICE OR EXPLANATION FOR THIS SPECIAL,
DEGRADING AND EMBARRASSING TREATMENT END QUOTE. THE
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SEARCH TOOK APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES, WHILE AMBASSADOR
ESCOBAR AND TWO OF HIS EMBASSY STAFF WAITED AT THE AIR-
PORT FOR MR. NAPOUT. THE AMBASSADOR SEEKS TO LEARN IF
THIS TREATMENT WAS QUOTE IN SOME WAY CONNECTED WITH
THE CONTINUING HARRASSMENT AND DEPRIVATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS INFLICTED ON MR. NAPOUT AS A RESULT OF HIS
VOLUNTARY COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

JUSTICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION. END QUOTE.

3. THE INITIAL REACTION TO THIS INCIDENT BY S/NM WAS THAT THE SEARCH WAS IN ERROR AND BASED ON AN OUTDATED SUSPECT LIST SUPPLIED TO CUSTOMS. WE ARE CHECKING WITH CUSTOMS. SHOULD THIS PROVE CORRECT WE PROPOSE TO REPLY ALONG THESE LINES;

A) EXCELLENCY: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR NOTE OF APRIL 3, 1978 SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF THE REASONS FOR THE TREATMENT ACCORDED MR. MIGUEL ANGEL NAPOUT.

B) AS YOUR NOTE INDICATES, YOU ARE AWARE THAT FOR SEVERAL YEARS MR. NAPOUT WAS UNDER SUSPICION AS A NARCOTICS SMUGGLER. THROUGH HIS VOLUNTARY EFFORTS, INCLUDING A POLYGRAPH TEST, HE HAS DEMONSTRATED THE TRUTHFULNESS OF HIS ASSERTION THAT HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN SUCH SMUGGLING.

C) CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AT DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WERE UNAWARE OF MR. NAPOUT'S RECENT TEST. UNFORTUNATELY, MR. NAPOUT'S NAME APPEARED ON AN OUTDATED LIST OF INDIVIDUALS ABOUT WHICH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES MAINTAIN AN INTEREST. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THESE AGENCIES SEEKING TO REMOVE MR. NAPOUT'S NAME FROM THE NARCOTICS LISTING. WE REGRET THE INCIDENT.
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D) ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF THE PROPOSED ANSWER TO THE PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY NOTE PRESENTS ANY PROBLEMS.

5. ON APRIL 17 WE WERE INFORMED BY THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION THAT NAPOUT'S NAME WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LOOK-OUT LIST. CHRISTOPHER

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